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SUBJ: ENERGY: ROMANIAN INTEREST IN CANADIAN CANDU REACTOR

1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL OF MAR 18 REPORTS THAT ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LTD. (AECL) HAS DISCLOSED A "REVIVED" INTEREST BY ROMANIA IN ACQUIRING A CANDU NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT, DR. ROY THOMAS, AECL'S MARKETING DEVELOPMENT CHIEF, SAID ROMANIA'S "PEOPLE HAVE BEEN OVER HERE AND HAVE REQUESTED SOME VERY DETAILED THINGS," ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT AECL AND ROMANIA HAVE NOT RPT NOT FORMALLY NEGOTIATED.

3. PRESS ARTICLE SPECULATES THAT DEAL "MAY HINGE ON ROMANIA'S DESIRE TO BUY THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT WORK FROM AECL AND UNDERTAKE THE MANUFACTURE ITSELF." TO THIS, DR. THOMAS IS QUOTED AS INDICATING THAT BUILDING A NUCLEAR REACTOR WITHOUT THE PROPER TECHNOLOGICAL BACKGROUND "IS NOT A SAFE VENTURE."

4. PRES, RECOUNTING THAT EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH  
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ROMANIANS 5 YEARS AGO WERE TERMINATED WHEN ROMANIA

"RAN INTO FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES," NOTES THAT PRICE TAG ON 600-MEGAWATT REACTOR HAS RISEN IN INTERIM FROM \$100 MILLION IN 1969 TO ESTIMATED \$350 MILLION THAT SOUTH KOREA HAS RECENTLY AGREED TO PAY FOR CANDU EQUIPMENT, FUEL AND HEAVY WATER.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: DR. THOMAS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF ACCURACY OF PRESS ACCOUNT SUMMARIZED ABOVE. HE STATED THAT "REVIVED" ROMANIAN INTEREST ACTUALLY OCCURRED ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO, BUT ROMANIANS CONTINUE TO BE SERIOUSLY CONSTRAINED BY THEIR LIMITED FINANCIAL CAPACITY AND NOT RPT NOT "NEGOTIATIONS" HAVE BEEN INITIATED. PORTER

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